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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Final Results of Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on steel wire garment hangers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the levels indicated in the Final Results of Review section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The *Order* on steel wire garment hangers from Vietnam was published in the *Federal Register* on February 5, 2013.¹ On November 6, 2017, Commerce initiated this sunset review of the order on steel wire garment hangers from Vietnam pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff

¹ See *Certain Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Countervailing Duty Order*, 78 FR 8,107 (February 5, 2013) (*Order*).

Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On November 6, 2017, Commerce received a notice of intent to participate from M&B Metal Products Company, Inc. (M&B), hereinafter referred to as the petitioner, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).³ The petitioner claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as a domestic producer of steel wire garment hangers in the United States. On November 30, 2017, Commerce received an adequate substantive response from the petitioner within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). Commerce did not receive a substantive response from the Government of Vietnam (GOV) or a respondent interested party to this proceeding. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited review of the *Order*.

Commerce has exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from January 20 through 22, 2018. If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the final results of this expedited sunset review is now March 5, 2018.⁴

Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to the *Order* is steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes. These products may

² See *Notice Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 82 FR 50,61 (November 1, 2017).

³ See Letter from the petitioner regarding *First Sunset Reviews of Steel Wire Garment Hangers from Taiwan and Vietnam – Notice of Intent to Participate* (November 6, 2017).

⁴ See Memorandum for The Record from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government" (Tolling Memorandum), dated January 23, 2018. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 3 days.

also be referred to by a commercial designation, such as shirt, suit, strut, caped, or latex (industrial) hangers.

Specifically excluded from the scope of the *Order* are (a) wooden, plastic, and other garment hangers that are not made of steel wire; (b) steel wire garment hangers with swivel hooks; (c) steel wire garment hangers with clips permanently affixed; and (d) chrome-plated steel wire garment hangers with a diameter of 3.4mm or greater.

The products subject to the *Order* are currently classified under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUS) subheadings 7326.20.0020 and 7323.99.9080. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is dated concurrently with and adopted by this notice.⁵ The issues discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail if the *Order* were revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this expedited sunset review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file electronically *via* the Enforcement and Compliance Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov> and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main

⁵ See Memorandum from James Maeder, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations performing the duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and countervailing Duty Operations, to Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. regarding: “Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,” dated concurrently with and adopted by this Notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at

<http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Final Results of Review

Pursuant to sections 752(b)(1) and (3) of the Act, we determine that revocation of the *Order* on steel wire garment hangers from Vietnam would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a net countervailable subsidy at the rates listed below:⁶

Manufacturers/Producers/Exporters	Net Countervailable Subsidy Rate (Percent)
South East Asia Hamico Export Joint Stock Company (SEA Hamico), Nam A Hamico Export Joint Stock Company (Nam A), and Linh Sa Hamico Company Limited (Linh Sa) (collectively, the Hamico Companies)	31.58
Infinite Industrial Hanger Limited (Infinite) and Supreme Hanger Company Limited (Supreme) (collectively, the Infinite Companies)	90.42
All-Others	31.58

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

⁶ *Id.*

Commerce is issuing and publishing these final results and this notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 5, 2018.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary

for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations,

performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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